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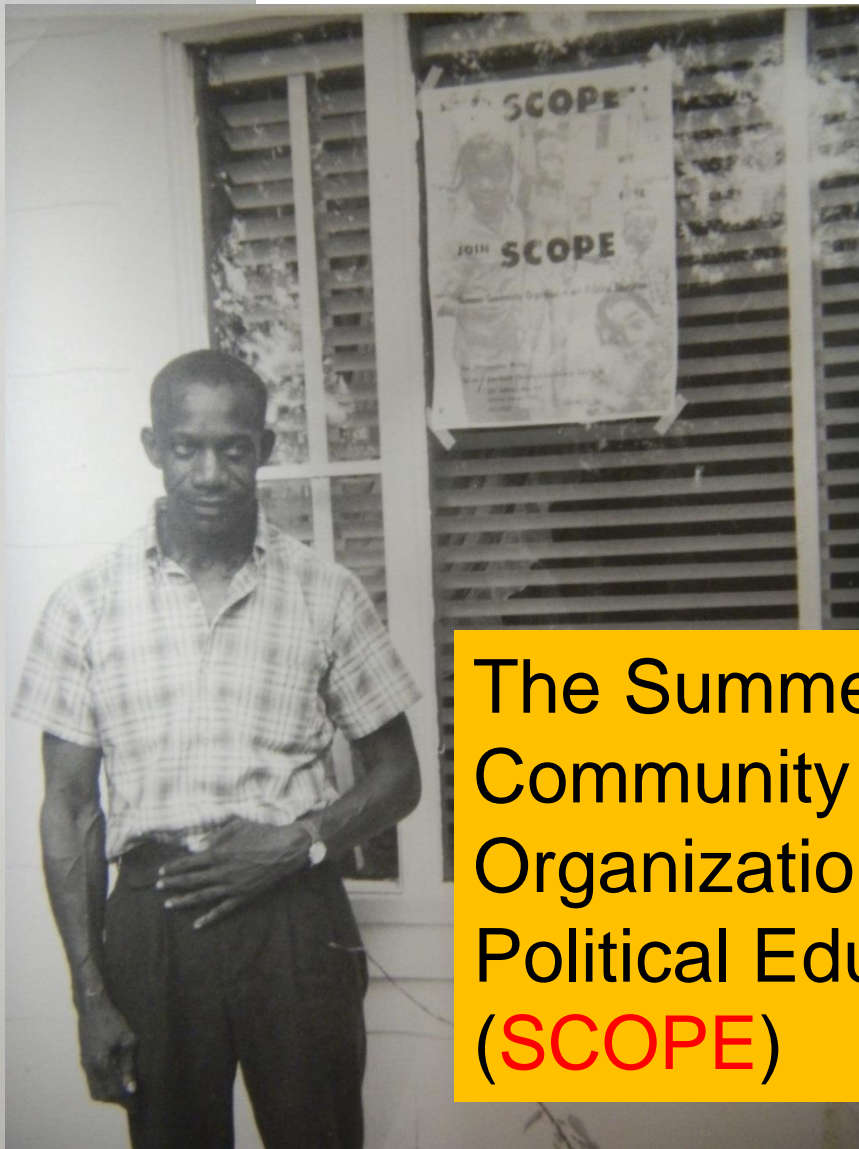
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June 10, 2014

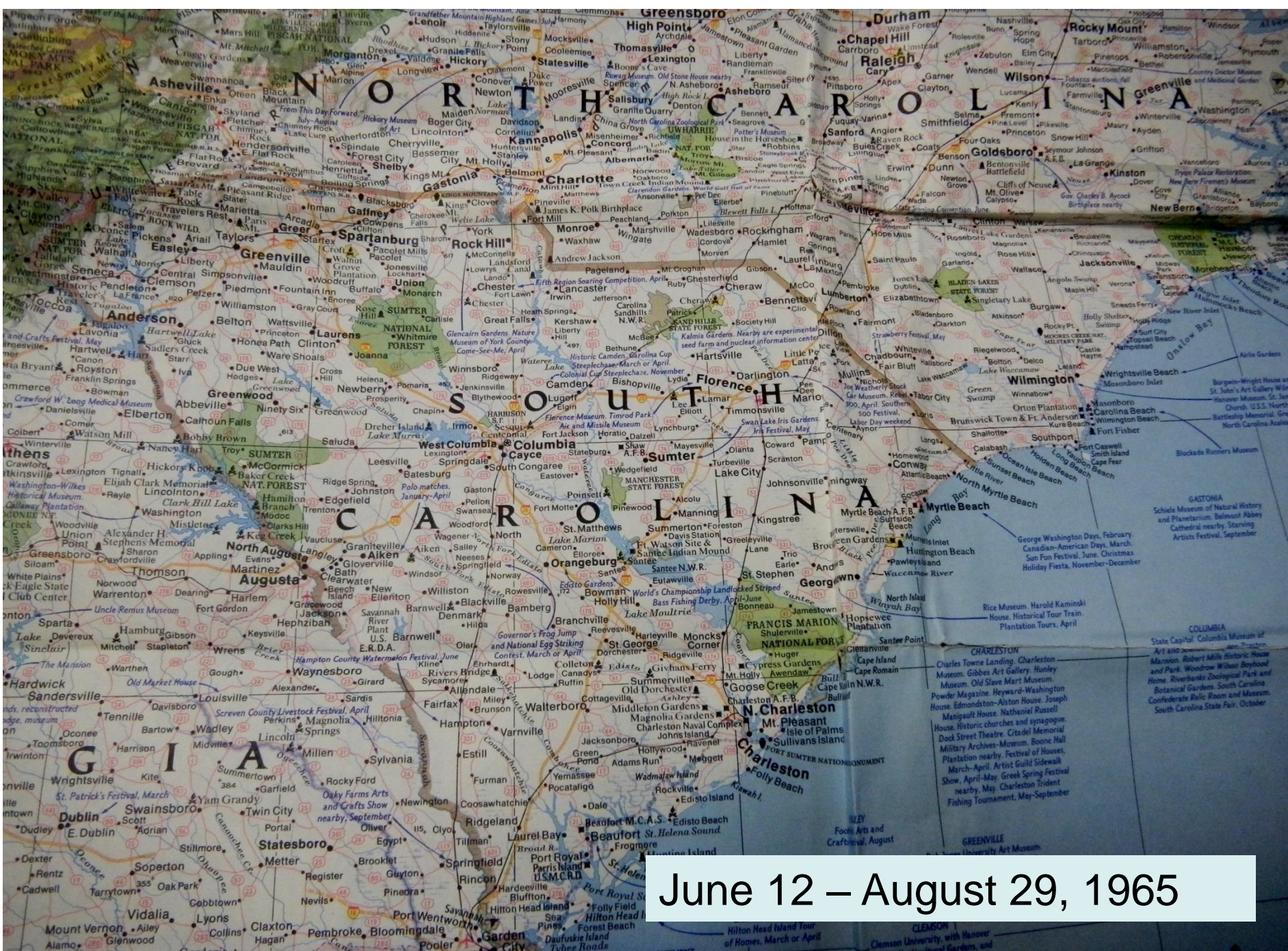
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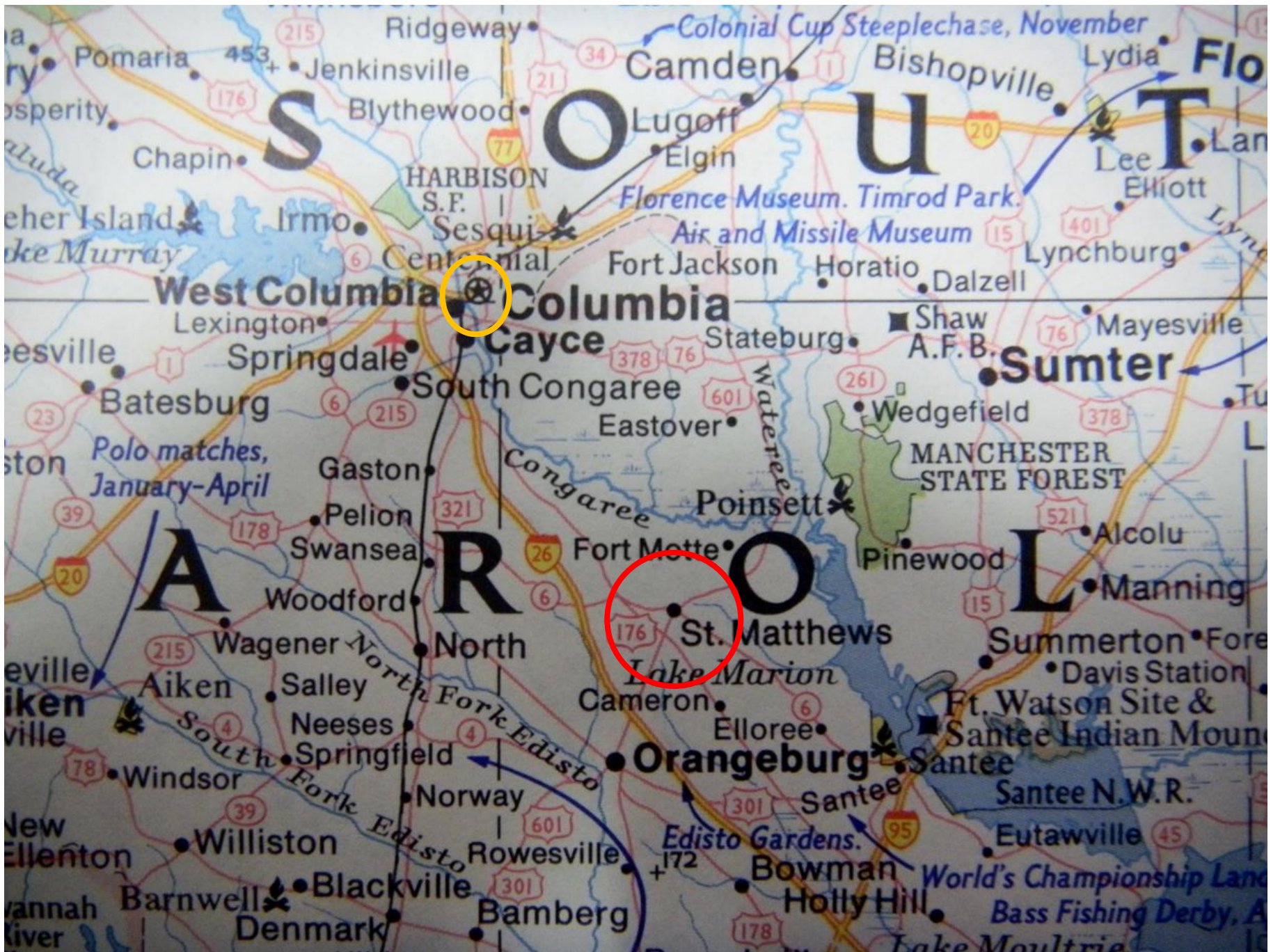


The Summer
Community
Organization and
Political Education
(SCOPE)

Lynn Goldsmith, class of
1968, Brandeis University



June 12 – August 29, 1965



Lynn kept a diary during her stay in the South and sent it to her father.

What's easy and what's right
are rarely the same thing.

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LETTERS FROM MISSISSIPPI

*Reports from Civil Rights Volunteers
& Poetry of the 1964 Freedom Summer*

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FREEDOM



THIS BRIGHT LIGHT OF OURS

Stories from the Young Rights Fight

MARIA GITIN

Foreword by LARRY V. BROWN



Jews, the Civil Rights Movement, and Brandeis

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THE FBI IS SEEKING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARANCE AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ON JUNE 21, 1964. EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE GOODMAN, CHANEY, AND SCHWERNER, WHO ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ANDREW GOODMAN

JAMES EARL CHANEY

MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER



RACE:	White	Race:	White	RACE:	White
SEX:	Male	SEX:	Male	SEX:	Male
DOB:	November 22, 1942	DOB:	May 30, 1942	DOB:	November 6, 1939
POB:	New York City	POB:	Wardlaw, Mississippi	POB:	New York City
AGE:	21 years	AGE:	21 years	AGE:	24 years
HEIGHT:	5'10"	HEIGHT:	5'7"	HEIGHT:	5'9" to 5'10"
WEIGHT:	170 pounds	WEIGHT:	175 to 185 pounds	WEIGHT:	170 to 180 pounds
HAIR:	Dark brown, wavy	HAIR:	Black	HAIR:	Brown
EYES:	Brown	EYES:	Brown	EYES:	Light blue
TEETH:		TEETH:	Good, some missing	TEETH:	
SCARS AND MARKS:		SCARS AND MARKS:	1 inch cut side 2 inches above left ear	SCARS AND MARKS:	Psych mark center of forehead, slight scar on bridge of nose, appendectomy scar, broken leg scar.

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
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June 29, 1964





REASONS FOR GOING SOUTH

The Holocaust

Jewish values relating to
social justice

Jews felt like outsiders and
empathized with Southern
African Americans

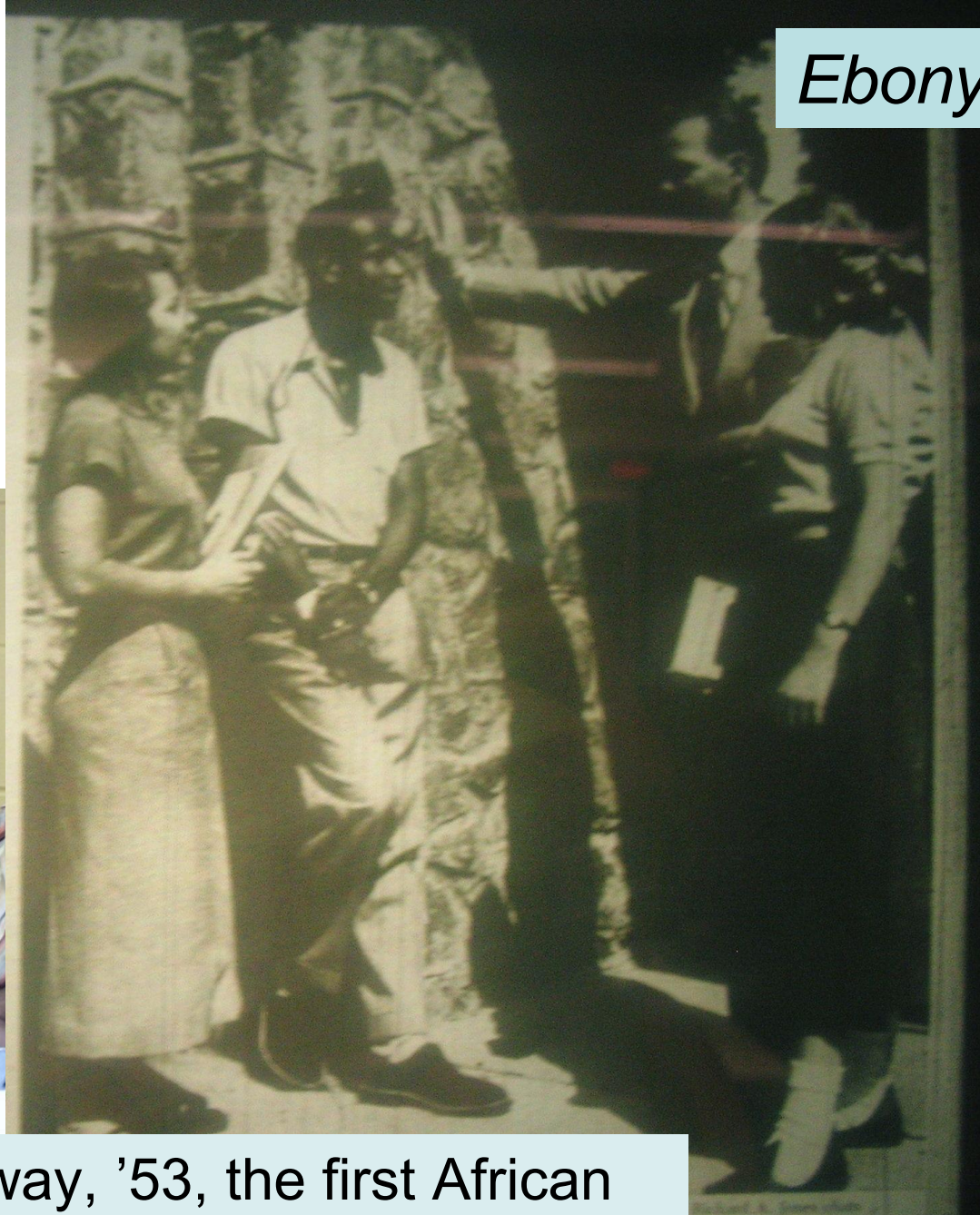
Escape/rebel against
upper/middle class lifestyle

Source: Workshop Powerpoint of Jewish Women's Archives



Brandeis University , early 1950s

Ebony, 1952



Herman Hemingway, '53, the first African American Brandeis alumnus



EPIC, picketing in front of Woolworth stores in Boston



King's visit to Brandeis, 1963



SCOPE: in Comparison with the Mississippi Freedom Summer



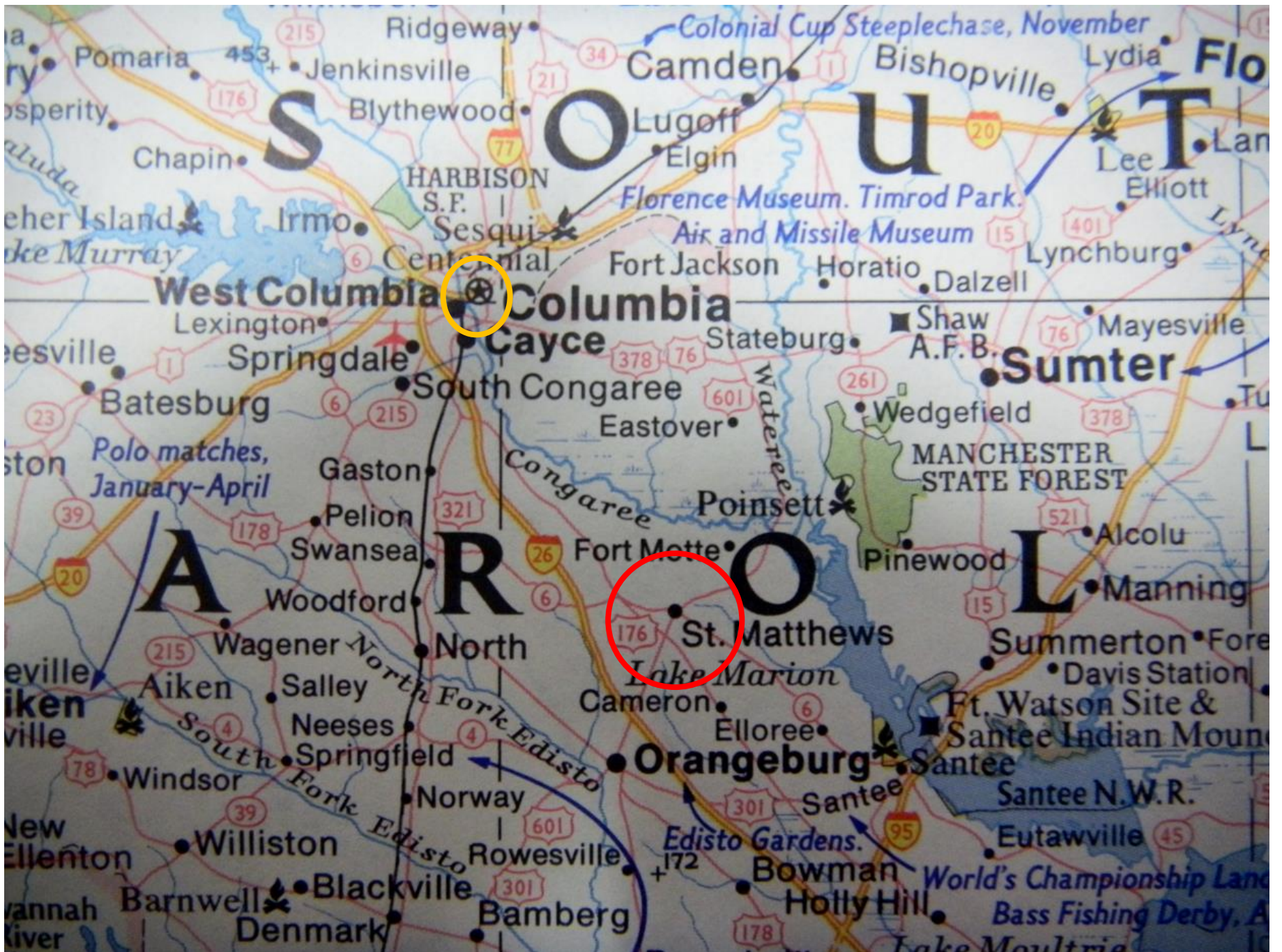
SCOPE Orientation and Early Days in Columbia



SCOPE Orientation in Atlanta, June 14-18



Daily Canvassing for Registration in Calhoun County





Lynn in the office

We were hoping to find some sympathetic whites. Well, Mr. Savitz was very nice, especially after he found out we were Jews. Actually, he is now an Episcopalian, which I suspect is not strange. He was willing to talk to us, which in itself is hazardous, as everyone is bound to know about it ten minutes later. He admitted, frankly, that he was not brave enough to take any stand supporting us. Well, what could we expect.



Temple Bombing



John Babin

"A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE"

Our Goal, 1968: 500,000 Qualified, Registered Negro Voters!

I. S. Leevy, notable civic leader, prominent churchman, and outstanding businessman, urges *all* Preachers, Teachers, Leaders and Heads of *all* organizations to become civic missionaries to help accomplish the great task of qualifying our people for voting. Leevy suggests that every community make a monthly membership survey in churches, societies, fraternities and *all* organizations, to ascertain those not registered. Then, on the first Monday in each month, direct these non-registered persons to county courthouses to procure certificates.

Leevy states further, organizations, local and national associations, faculties and school trustees, should make first-class citizenship (registered voters), a **PREREQUISITE** for graduation and the receiving of certificates, degrees, or any credential, to help stabilize our future voting potential, that by 1968, we will have reached our goal of 500,000 qualified, Negro electors in South Carolina. Positions in the local officary, representation in the South Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress, can then be guaranteed, giving real meaning to the progress made thus far by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, the Supreme Court's Decision of 1954, and the Civil Rights Bill of 1964.

"The time of our arrival cannot be stated, but let the world know we are on our way"

Qualifications for Registering

Must have reached the age of 21.
Be able to read and write a section of the Constitution of South Carolina. Acquired residence in South Carolina for one year; your county, six months; your ward or precinct, three months. Or, present tax receipts on property assessed at \$300 or more for previous year.

A citizen on life's battlefield without a vote is like a soldier on the battlefield without a gun. Armed with the powerful weapon (registration certificates), we can go together to the polls on election days and help hire and fire officials for the city, county, state and nation.

Your Vote Is Valuable, Use It To:

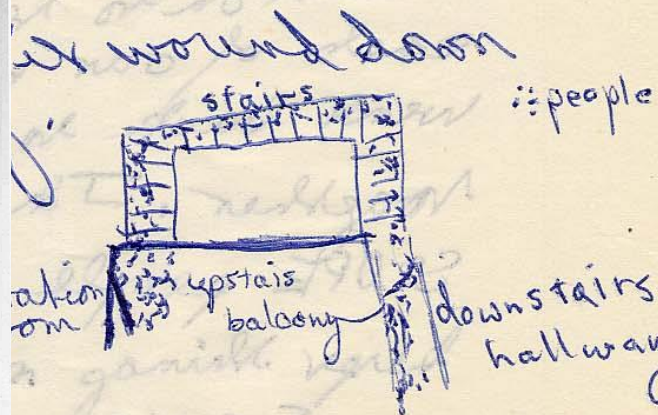
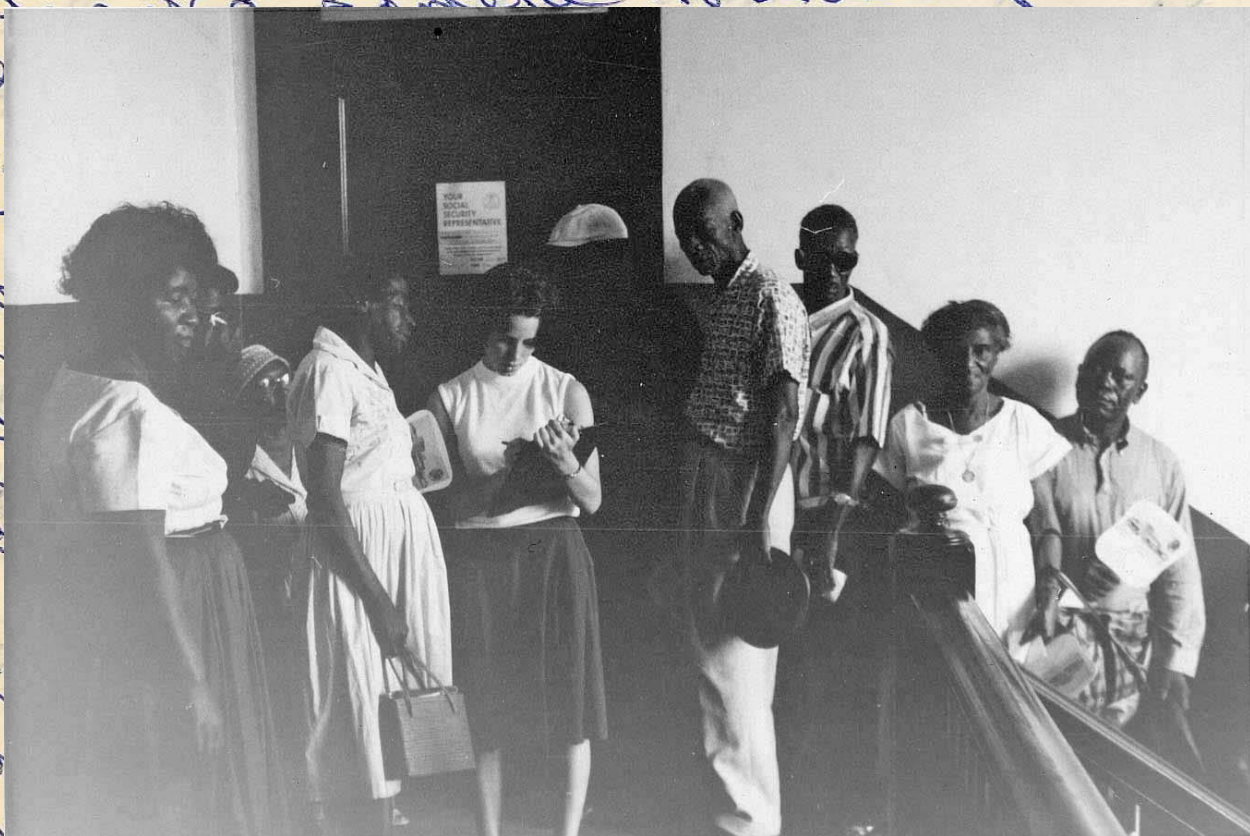
Elect good public officials.
Promote good government.
Insure justice in the courts.
Improve roads, schools, hospital facilities and housing.
Eliminate racial discrimination.
Become a first-class citizen.

**VOTING IS BIG BUSINESS. NO
MATTER WHAT YOUR BUSINESS
IS, IF GOD IS YOUR BUSINESS
PARTNER, MAKE YOUR PLANS
LARGE.**

I. S. LEEVY

done immediately, but apparently he received so many calls, that word was sent down. The lines began to move a little. He promised me he would call the county attorney to look out. Earl Cobbins later said he had been in Glenn's office during the afternoon.

Terry and I ~~made~~ went back to our house to take pictures as the court wound down



looked out down and another bar. The job prepared

Harassment from the White Power Structure and White Citizens

- Arrest and Detention at the Orangeburg Jailhouse
- False Accusation of Speeding: On the Way to Birmingham, AL
- Gun Shooting at the SCOPE House



Orangeburg Jailhouse

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Citizen Education
Staff

*Ninth
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Southern
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Leadership
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Martin Luther King, Jr., *President*

August 9-13, 1965

Birmingham, Alabama



THEME: "Human Rights — Basic Issues — The Grand Alliance"

HOST: The Alabama Christian Movement
for Human Rights

Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Pres.

SCLC ninth Annual
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Birmingham, AL

At last we took off. Eliza and I sat in back, and Hope and Butch in front- good strategy, but we later found out – not good enough – you will hear. ... Being night time, all was quiet, and Eliza and I went to sleep off and on. ... [A]s we got to Douglasville we suddenly saw a flashing red light on our trail. ... [Butch] stopped the car, and a large policeman pulled open the car door. He first asked to see license and registration. He began to shine the light in everyone's eyes. When he saw me- !! Keeping the light in my face he asked me who I was. ... He went back to his car, talked in his little walkie talkie, and soon two more men drove up. The car was surrounded.

... A policeman yanked the door open next to me. “Do your parents know you’re here?” “Yes, I just talked to them.” “Did you run away from home?” “No.” “Are you married to him?” (pointing to Butch – they immediately assumed I was, although we were not sitting together.) “No.” “Are you dating him?” “I’ve never dated him in my life.” ... [T]hey had taken Butch out of the car, and asked him questions about me, such as what nationality I was – I could not be American.

Next we were all taken from the car. They clearly wanted to arrest me. ...One cop began to lecture me, most likely so I would answer and talk back – certainly grounds for arrest. I did not say a word; I just stood there and quaked – I really shook. He gave me the same old shit about how I was a trouble-maker, and should be home minding my own business. The colored folk did not want me here – They're doing fine themselves. He threatened me – if I were his daughter, he'd shoot me through the face. They could not create grounds to arrest me, so one of them said, "Well, you were speeding back there," to Butch. He had not been speeding – we had been careful to go five miles under the speed limit which is lowered, anyhow to a ridiculous point.

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The End of Summer



...the prejudices, but the natural
...all whites was growing
...everyone's being a friend, when
...Delaware, we ~~we~~ did find friend
...to bump into them there. I
...there to continue her ride
...girl from Brandeis.
...excited on the drive through
...good old home in Princeton. I
...worry about the fact that
...to drop from exhaustion - I
...I was home. Now to unwind
...I so wish I were back again

Lynn at home with her
husband, Larry